

FACT SHEET

The Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region, and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to work together to promote Environmental Management “tools” to assist ready mixed concrete plants across the country in their efforts to comply with Clean Water Act obligations. This Agreement also serves to further the “beyond compliance” principles of environmental stewardship embraced by the **Green Highways Partnership** (GHP).

Principles of Environmental Stewardship

Top Management Commitment: Make substantive top management commitments to sustainable development and improved environmental performance.

Compliance Assurance: Implement environmental auditing, assessment and improvement programs to identify and correct potential compliance problems.

Compliance Assistance: Develop and foster implementation of environmental management systems, like the NRMCA Green-Star™ Certification Program, which provide a framework for ensuring for ensuring compliance.

Measurement and Continuous Improvement: Develop goals and measures of environmental performance to demonstrate adherence to these environmental stewardship principles.

Public Communications: Make information available to the public on environmental performance and establish a dialog with agencies and the public on environmental issues.

Industry Leadership: Work with other companies in the same region or sector to improve industry-wide environmental compliance, pollution prevention practices, and energy efficiency.

Awareness, outreach: Work cooperatively to ensure that increased awareness is achieved through proactive outreach and communication initiatives.

Training and development: Identify key training needs, develop programs, and provide training programs to support environmental compliance and achieving “beyond compliance” goals.

Research and Demonstration: Coordinate and conduct key research and development initiatives to increase innovation and solutions and verify performance results on products and processes.



agreement of
environmental stewardship
Between the US EPA and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

NATIONAL READY MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

NRMCA supports continued expansion and improvement of the ready mixed concrete industry through leadership, advocacy, professional development, promotion and partnering.

NRMCA GREEN-STAR PROGRAM

A uniquely tailored
Environmental Management System (EMS)
developed by INDUSTRY for INDUSTRY.



GREEN HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP

Promoting and Supporting
Best Management Practices & Technologies for
Stewardship and Sustainability

GHP supported practices include,
but are not limited to:

- Bio-retention
- Porous Pavements
- Environmentally Friendly Concrete
- Forest Buffers
- Restored Stormwater and Wetlands
- Stream Restoration
- Wildlife Crossings
- Soil Amendments
- Use of Recycled/Reclaimed Materials



WHAT IS GREEN-STAR?

The NRMCA Green-Star Program has been created to provide the ready mixed concrete industry with an “industry specific” compliance program that focuses on the unique operational characteristics of the industry, and which may serve to fill the gap between industry efforts and other EMS-based certification programs.

The Green-Star Program utilizes a company’s existing Environmental Management System (EMS) based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act model of continual improvement.



ABOUT GHP

“Better than Before” - The GHP goal is to promote market-driven innovation, stewardship, streamlining, and regulatory consistency & flexibility. GHP activities are rooted in stewardship, safety, and sustainability, with targeted activities to address its mission of “meeting transportation requirements and applying environmental stewardship so that both are better than before”. It is voluntary, not regulatory, and continues to grow as a collaborative effort through an extensive public-private partnering network of industry, trade, & environmental organizations, private sector (consultants & contractors), and government (local, state, & federal).

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